

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1352
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harriet Winfrey Elser of Chestnut Hill.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harriet Winfrey Elser; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Winfrey Elser was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on August 13, 1918, Harriet Elser graduated from Fayette County High School and attended Holly Springs Female Academy in Holly Springs, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Harriet was joined in holy matrimony with Dr. Roger P. Elser on January 21, 1945, at the Beretania Methodist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and many talents to numerous worthy organizations, charities, and activities, Mrs. Elser was an active member of Fayette County Historical Society and the Craddock Book Club, and she volunteered at the Fayette County Library, coordinating library exhibits, receptions, and fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Elser was a faithful member of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, which she served for many years as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Mrs. Elser always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, her many civic accomplishments aside, Harriet Elser was most thankful for the love and companionship she shared with her husband, the late Dr. Roger P. Elser; and

WHEREAS, Harriet was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Harriet Winfrey, and her husband, Dr. Roger Elser; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elser is survived by her brother, Colonel Will Rhea Winfrey, and numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Elser epitomized the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to family and community that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Elser leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Harriet Winfrey Elser, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Harriet Elser.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.